

# A Fight at Sea,

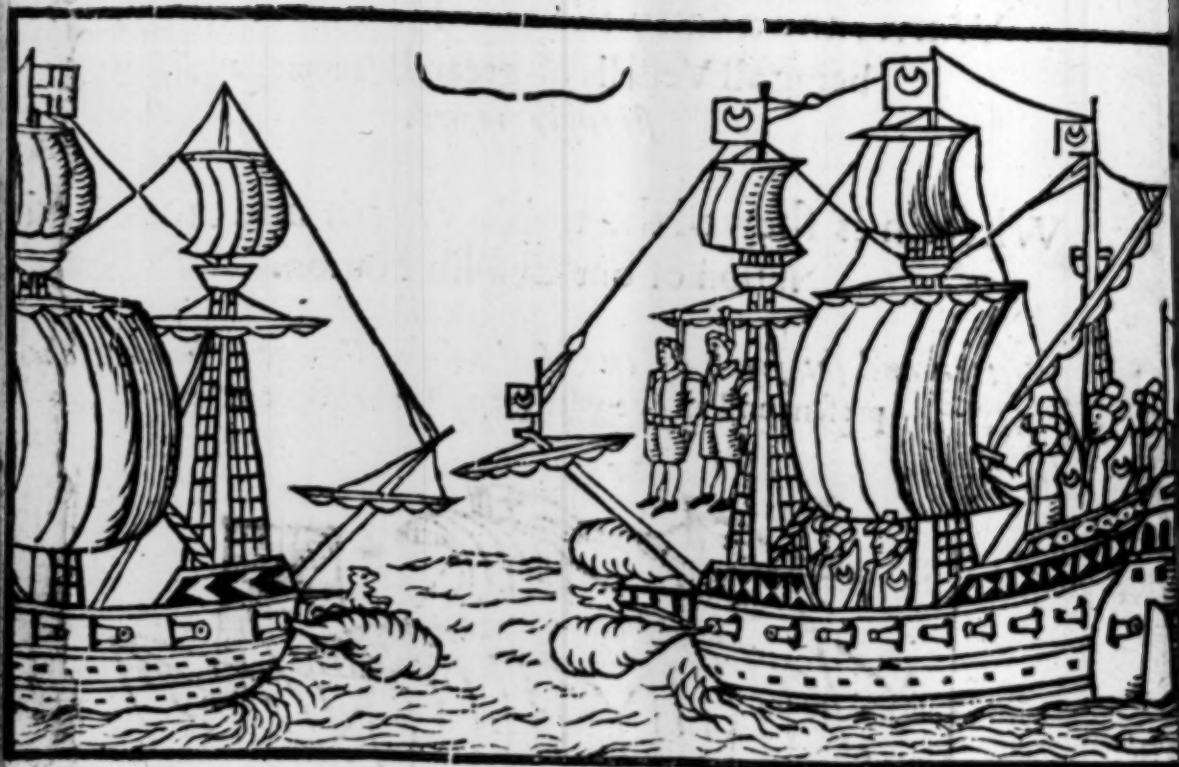
Famously fought by the *Dolphin* of London against five of the Turkes Men of Warre, and a Sattay the 12. of Ianuary last 1616.  
being all Vessells of great Burthen, and  
*strongly mand.*

Wherein is shewed the noble Worth and braue Resolution of our English Nation.

*written and set forth by one of the same Voyage, that was then present and an eye witnes to all the proceedings.*



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THE Magnanimity and worthy resolution of this our English nation, from time to time indureth the true touch and tryalls of the *Sea* in deepe extremity: whereby other Countreyes (not only admires thereat, but ties to the same a deserved commendation:) Amongst many other such like Aduentures, I am imboldened to commit to your censure the Accidents of this our late voyage and returne from Zant into *England*, which happened as heere followeth.

Hauing at Zant, at the end of this last yeare finished our busines, and laden our Ship for England, being named the *Dolphin*

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of London, of the burthen of foureteene  
score Tun or there about, hauing in the same  
some 19. pieces of Ordinance, and 9. Mur-  
therers, Manned with 36. Men, and two  
Boyes, the Maister thereof one M<sup>r</sup>. *Nichols*,  
a man of much skill, and proued experi-  
ence; who making for England, wee came  
from Zant the first of Ianuary 1616. the  
winde beeing North and by East, when  
with a prosperous gale, by the eyght day  
in the morning wee had sight of the Iland  
of Sardaine, the wind beeing then come  
westerly, the ninth, in the morning, wee  
stood in for *Callery*, and at noone the winde  
being Southerly we came close by the Tow-  
ers, where some two Leagues off wee made  
the fight, which day at night the wind grow-  
ing calme, we sayled towards the Cape, the  
tenth day wee had very little winde or none  
at all, till it was two of the clock in the after-  
noone, which draue vs some 3. Leagues  
eastward from the Cape Pola: where we es-  
pied a Fleet of Ships vpon the maine of *Ser-  
dine*, neer vnto a Road called *Callery*, belon-  
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ging to the King of Spaine, being the 12. of *January*, on which day in the mornings watch, about foure of the clock, we had sight of a Saile making from the Shore towards vs, which draue into our minds some doubt and feare, and comming neere vnto vs wee espied it to be a Sattie, which is a Ship much like vnto an Argosy, of a very great burthen and bignes, which perceiuing, we imagined some more Shippes not to bee far off, whervpon our Maister sent one of our company vp into the maine top, where he discovered fiue Saile of Ships one after another, comming vp before the winde, being then at West, South west, who in a prospect glasse perceiued them to bee the Turkes Men of Warre: The first of them booning by himselfe before the winde, with his Fagge in the maine top, and all his sailes gallantly spred abroad, after him came the Admirall and the Vice-Admirall, and after them two more, the Rcare-Admirall and his fellow, beeing fiue in number, all well prepared for any desperate assault, whervpon, we immediatly

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made ready our Ordinance and small shot, and with no little resolution prepared our selues to withstand them, which being done, wee went to prayer, and so to dinner, where our Master gaue vs such noble encouragement, that our hearts euer thirsted to proue the successe, and beeing in readines for the fight, our Master went vppon the Poope, and waued his sword three times, shaking it with such dauntles courage as if hee had already won the victory, this being done we seconded him with like forwardnes, wherevppon hee caused his Trumpets to sound, which gaue vnto vs much more encouragement then before, and being within shot of them, our Maister commanded his Gunner to make his leuell, and to shoote, which he did, but missed them all, at which the foremost of them bore vp apace, for he had the winde of vs, and returned as good as wee sent, so betwixt vs for a great time were a most fierce incounter, and hauing aduantage of vs by reason of the winde, about eleuen or twelue of the clocke they laid vs a-board

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board with one of their Shippes, which was of three hundred Tun or thereabouts, and had in her 35. pieces of Ordinance, and about two hundred and fifty men, the Capitaine thereof was one *Walsingham*, which seemed by his name to be an English-man, and Admirall of the Fleet, for so it signified by the Flagge in his maine top, hauing (as I said) boarded our Ship, he entred on the Larbord quarter, where his men, some with sabells which wee call Fauchins, some with hatchets, and some with halfe Pikes, where they stayd some halfe hower or thereabout, tearing vp our naile boords vpon the poop, and the trap hatch, but wee hauing a murtherer in the round house, kept the Larbord side cleere, whilst our men with the other Ordinance and musquets plaid vpon their Shippes: yet for all this they paid our Gallery with small shot, in such sort that we stood in great danger to yeeld, but at last wee shot them quite thorough and thorough, and they vs likewise, but they being affraid they should haue beene sunke by vs, bore a head

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of our Ship, and as he passed along we gaue them a broad side, that they were forced to lay by the ley, and to mend his leakes: This fight continued two howers by our glasse and better, and so neare the shoare, that the dwellers therevpon saw all the beginning and ending, and what danger wee stood in, for vpon the shoare stood a little house, wherein was likewise turned a glasse all the time during the fight which measured the howers as they passed, and this was *Walsingham's* part.

Now for Captaine *Kelleyes* Shippe, that came likewise vp with his Flag in the maine top, and another Ship with his Flag in the fore top, which Shippes were at least three hundred tunne apeece, and had in each of them 25. pieces of Ordinance, and about two hundred and fifty men, so they laid vs aboard on the Starbord quarter, and the other on the Larbord, where entring our ship thicke and threefold, with their semirers, hatchets, halfe pikes and other weapons, put vs in great danger both of the losse of our  
Ship



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Ship and our liues, for they performed much manhood and many dangerous hazards, amongst which there was one of their company, that desperately went vp into our mainetop to fetch downe our Flag, which being spied by the Steward of our Ship, presently shot him with his Musquet that hee fell headlong into the Sea, leauing the Flag behind him, so these two ships fought with vs with great resolution, playing vppon vs with their Ordinance and small shot, for the space of an hower and a halfe, of whom wee receiued some hurt, and likewise they of vs, but when they saw they could not preuaile, nor any way make vs to yeeld, they bore vp and passed from vs to lay their ships by the lee to stop their leaks, for we had grievously torne and battered them with our great Ordinance, and this was the second attempt they made vppon vs.

Now for the third, there came two more of Captaine *Kelleyes* ships of two hundred and fifty tunne apiece, that in each of them had 22. pieces of Ordinance, and at the least

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two hundred men all well prouided as might  
bee, which was as wee thought too great a  
number for vs, being so fewe in our shippe,  
but God that was our friend, gaue vs such  
strength and successe that they little preuai-  
led against vs, for at their first comming vp,  
notwithstanding all their multitude of men,  
we shot the one of them quight thorough  
and thorough, and laid him likewise by the  
lee, as wee had done the others before, but  
the other ship remaining, laid vs aboard on  
the starboard side, and in that quarter they  
entered our shippe with their Semiters, Fau-  
chions, halfe Pikes and other weapons, run-  
ning toe and fro vpon the deck, crying stil in  
the Turkish tongue yeeld your selues, yeeld  
your selues, promising wee should bee well  
vsed, and haue part of our goods deliuered  
backe, with such like faire promises, but  
wee giueing no care vnto them, stood stiffe  
in our defence, chosing rather to die, then  
to yeeld, as it is still the nature and condi-  
tion of all Englishmen, and beeing thus  
resolved, some of our men plied our Or-

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dinance against them, some played with the small shot, some with other weapons as swords, and halfe Pikes and such like, in midst of which skirmish, it so happened by ill chance that our Shippe was fired, and in great danger to bee lost and cast away, had not the Lord in his mercy preserved vs, and sent vs meanes happily to quench it, but now marke the accident, the fier being perceiued by our enemies to burne outragiously, and thinking that our Shippe would haue therewith beene sodainly burned to the water, they left vs to our fortunes, falling a sterne of from vs, and so wee put to the shoare vnder the little house, for some succour, where wee let an Anchor fall thinkeing to ride there all that night, which wee had no sooner done, but wee saw another Ship beare vpon vs, wherevpon wee were fore frightened and so forced to let our Anchor slippe and so let sayle to gette better succour, putting into the road betweene

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the two little houses where we lay five dayes, mending the bruises and leakes of our ship: the losses we receiued in the aforesaid fight, were sixe Men and one Boy, which were killed outright, and there were hurt eyght men and one boy more: but the Lord doth know what damage we put them to, & what number we slew in their ships.

The Maister of our Shippe beeing at the Helme, was shot twise betwixt the legges: And the Chirurghion dressing the wounds of one of our men, a Ball of Wildfire fell into his Boson which hee sodainly cast into the Sea, otherwise it had greatly indangered vs. The Turkes were aboard and sounded their Trumpets, yet notwithstanding, our men assaulted them so fiercely, that they forced them off, and the Boson (seeing them flye) most vndantedly with a whistle blourd the to the skirmish, if so they durst. The Captaines of three of their Shippes were English men, who tooke part with the Turks thus to rob and spoyle vpon the Ocean, their names were *Walsingham*, *Kelley*, and *Sampson*.  
Vpon



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Vpon the 13 of Ianuary there came aboard certaine Spaniards in the morning betimes, to witnes what hurts wee had receiued, who seeing our men dead, went a shore with vs, and shewed vs where wee might bury them, but as wee were busie in making their graues and couering the bodies with earth, there came sayling by a Flemish Ship of twelue-score tunne, which had in it some five or six thousand pounds, which had beene chased with those men of war that had fought with vs before, all which money they brought in a long Boate to the shoare, and left in the Shippe onelie the men, which were 16. Sailers and 2 Boyes, that afterwards within two daies brought the said shippe into the Road, not any thinge at all indangered, God bee praised.

Vpon the 15 of the same Month, when we came from the burying of our men, and had rested our selues in our shippe some two or three houres, as God would haue it, the wind began to blow a strong gale, and by little and little, grew to a tirible tempest, through  
which

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which from Sunday night till Friday in the evening, wee lay in such extremity of weather, as raine, winde, lightening, and thunder that wee thought wee should neuer haue got cleere from the Road where we lay: during which storme and tempest there dyed one of our men, that had beene hurt in the fight, whose body wee cast ouerbord, into the sea, without any other buriall, and so when the wind and sea a little calmed, wee set vp saile and came forward: but within three, dayes after wee buried three men more in the Sea, and the same afternoone wee arriued in the Road of Callery, and lay at anchor, where againe searching our Ship, wee found it rent and torne in foure seuerall places, one in the gun-roome, another betweene the deckes, the third in the skertridge, and the fourth in the maisters round-house, so in Callery wee mended our Ship, and hired certaine men there to helpe vs to stop her leaks, and hauing all thinges most fitting for our Voyage homewards, vppon the 30. day of Ianuary wee committed our fortunes againe vnto the  
Sea,

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Sea, and so leauing Callery wee came forward with a Frenchman, who was bound to a place called Orestone, some thirty Leagues from Callery, where after two dayes wee left his company, beeing the first day of February, and after that putting forwards still towards England, wee are now by the will of God, most safely ariued, and our Shippe after so many ouerpassed dangers, receiued into the Thames, neere London to the great ioy and comfort of the Owners thereof.

*God bee praised.*





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